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SUBJECT: USG RESPONSE TO BOUTEFLIKA MESSAGE AND ALGERIAN
DEMARCHE ON FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION IN SAHARA

REFS: (A) ALGIERS 3184; (B) STATE 307324

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1. IN RESPONSE TO FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA'S MESSAGE
OF DECEMBER 19 TO SECRETARY VANCE, AMBASSADOR IS INSTRUCTED
TO DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER: BEGIN QUOTE:

MR. MINISTER:

I WAS GRATIFIED TO RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THE NEWS

THAT THE POLISARIO PLANNED TO RELEASE THE FRENCH PRISONERS
AND TO LEARN OF THEIR SUBSEQUENT RELEASE.

I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THIS CONFLICT AND BELIEVE ALL
PARTIES MUST INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO AVOID FURTHER
ESCALATION OF THE FIGHTING AND WORK TOWARD A PEACEFUL
SOLUTION. MY GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW CLOSELY
EVENTS IN THE REGION AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL THOSE CONCERNED
TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT SO THAT CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO A

PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT MAY DEVELOP. I EN-
JOYED THE RECENT OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH YOU
ON THIS AND OTHER TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, AND I HOPE
THERE WILL BE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.
SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE, SECRETARY OF STATE, END QUOTE.

2. WHEN PRESENTING SECRETARY'S LETTER, AMBASSADOR IS
INSTRUCTED TO MAKE ORALLY FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

A. WHILE CONCERNED ABOUT EVOLUTION OF DEVELOPMENTS IN
SAHARA CONFLICT, USG WAS NOT SURPRISED BY THE ACTION
WHICH FRANCE TOOK TO PROTECT ITS CITIZENS FROM
HOSTILE MILITARY FORCES.

B. USG BELIEVES ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR
SAHARAN REFUGEES WOULD ELICIT A MORE SYMPATHETIC REACTION
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ELSEWHERE IF ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES LIBERALIZED ACCESS OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO REFUGEE
CAMPS IN ALGERIA.

3. FRENCH TRANSLATION OF MESSAGE TO BOUTEFLIKA AND
TALKING POINTS WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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